

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A system for hanging curtains flatly, said system comprising ~~one~~ two or more elongate hangers (15), and a rod (16), each said elongate hanger having an open suspension hook at each end thereof adapted to be suspended on ~~a~~ said rod (16) so as to be slideable along the rod, and a single curtain mounted flatly on each said elongate hanger so as not to be foldable ~~to hang flatly from the elongate hanger~~ and to move with the elongate hanger along the rod without folding.

Claim 2. (previously presented) A system according to claim 1, characterised in that said system comprises a rod having brackets (30 - 33), at least one of which is arranged to permit the hooks to slide past the brackets.

Claim 3. (previously presented) A system according to claim 2, characterised in that at least one of said brackets (30 - 33) is arranged to leave the upper surface of the rod free as a sliding surface for the hooks.

Claim 4. (previously presented) A system according to claim 3, characterised in that said at least one of the brackets comprises clamping means (36, 37) for clamping the rod (16) fixed.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (previously presented) A system according to Claim 1, characterised in that the hooks (21 - 24, 17, 26, 41, 42) are arranged to be laid onto the rod.

Claim 7. (previously presented) A system according to Claim 1, characterised in that the hooks (21 - 24, 17, 26, 41, 42) have an opening at least as big as the diameter of the curtain rod.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A method of hanging panel curtains flatly for slideable movement along a rod that is affixed to a substructure by more than one bracket, characterised in that at least two elongated hangers (15) each having open suspension hooks (21 - 24) at both ends thereof and a rod are provided, in that ~~the a single curtain (11 - 14) is curtains (11 - 14) are~~ mounted flatly on each of the elongated hangers so as not to be foldable and to be movable along the rod without folding, and in that the elongated hangers are suspended on the rod (16, 38, 39) with the open suspension hooks on the rod.

Claim 9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 8, characterised in that the brackets (30 - 33) of the rod are adapted to permit for the open suspension hooks to pass the brackets.

Claim 10. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, characterised in that the brackets used leave a part of

the surface of the rod free as a sliding surface for the open suspension hooks (21 - 24; 17, 26; 41, 42).

Claim 11. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 8, characterised in that two or more of said elongated hangers (15) are hung overlapping each other on the same said rod (16) so that said elongated hangers are independently and ~~they can be~~ mutually ~~moved~~ movable but not separated.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 8, characterised in that the open suspension hooks (21 - 24; 17, 26, 41, 42) used have a design that permit them to be put onto the rod (16).

Claim 13. (currently amended) A method ~~according to Claim 8,~~ characterised in that two rods are used, of hanging curtains flatly for slideable movement along a rod that is affixed to a substructure by more than one bracket, characterised in that at least two elongated hangers (15) each having open suspension hooks (21 - 24) at both ends thereof and at least two rods are provided, at least one said hook of at least one of the elongated hangers being placed on one said rod, and another said hook of said other elongated hanger being placed on said other rod, and a single curtain (11 - 14) is mounted flatly on each of the elongated hangers so as not to be foldable and to be movable along the rods without folding, said elongated hangers being suspended on said rods with the open suspension hooks on the rods

~~and one hook of at least one of the elongated hangers is placed on one rod and another hook of said at least one elongated hanger is placed on the other rod.~~

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (cancelled)

Claim 16. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 9, characterised in that two or more of said elongated hangers (15) are hung overlapping each other on the same rod (16) so that they can be mutually moved but not separated.

Claim 17. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 10, characterised in that two or more of said elongated hangers (15) are hung overlapping each other on the same rod (16) so that they can be mutually moved but not separated.

Claim 18. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 9, characterised in that the open suspension hooks (21 - 24; 17, 26, 41, 42) used have a design that permit them to be put onto the rod (16).

Claim 19. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 10, characterised in that the open suspension hooks (21 - 24; 17, 26, 41, 42) used have a design that permit them to be put onto the rod (16).

Claim 20. (currently amended) A method ~~according to Claim 9, characterised in that two rods are used,~~ of hanging curtains flatly for slideable movement along a rod that is affixed to a substructure by more than one bracket, characterised in that at least two elongated hangers (15) each having open suspension hooks (21 - 24) at both ends thereof and at least two rods are provided, at least one said hook of at least one of the elongated hangers being placed on one said rod, and another said hook of said other elongated hanger being placed on said other rod, and a single curtain (11 - 14) is mounted flatly on each of the elongated hangers so as not to be foldable and to be movable along the rods without folding, said elongated hangers being suspended on said rods with the open suspension hooks on the rods, the brackets of the rods permitting the open suspension hooks to pass the brackets and one hook of at least one of the elongated hangers is placed on one rod and one another hook of another said at least one elongated hanger is placed on the other rod.

Claim 21. (cancelled)

Claim 22. (cancelled)